A WOMAN forbidden to speak IN the Church,

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And Jesus answering, sayd unto them, Do ye not therefore erre, because ye know not the Scripture, neither the power of God, Mark 12.24.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Iesus, Gal. 3.27.28.

Iesus answered and sayd, My Doctrin is not mine but his that sent me: If any man will do his Will, he shall know of the doctrin whether it be of God, or whether I speak of my self, John 7.16.17.

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But the Spirit of Truth may declare through the Temple, and dwell in it, which the World cannot receive, 1 Cor. 6. 19. John 14. 16, 17.

THE Church is in God the Father of our Lord *Jeſus Chriſt*, as *Paul* and *Silvanus* writ to the *Theſſalonians*, 1 *Theſſ.* 1. 1. and it is made all of living ſtones, elect and precious, 1 *Pet.* 2 5. and the Saints their Bodyes are made fit Temples for the Holy Ghoſt to dwell in, 2 *Cor.* 6. 16. and they are made a fit Habitation for God through the Spirit, being builded upon the Foundations of the Prophets and the Apoſtles of the Lord *Jeſus*, in whom all the Building fitly framed groweth unto an holy Temple in the Lord, *Epheſ.* 2. 20, 21, 22. and in this Church all are taught of God, as it is written in the Prophets, *Iſai* 54. 13, 14. *&* *Ier.* 31. 33, 34. and likewiſe in *Heb.* 8. 10, 11. and ſayth *Jeſus Chriſt* in *John* 14. *I will pray the Father, and he ſhall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the World cannot receive, becauſe it ſeeth him not, neither knoweth him, but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and ſhall be in you,* Verſ. 16, 17. Now nothing is to ſpeak in this Church which is ſpiritual, but that which is ſpiritual, even the Holy Ghoſt, which is inviſible

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and incomprehensible; the Woman or wisdom of the Flesh is forbidden to speak in the Church, that is, of the things of God, for that which is flesh is flesh, and the natural man he knows not the things of God, they are fooliſhneſs to him, neither can he know them, becauſe they are ſpiritually diſcerned, 1 *Cor.* 2. 14. and ſo the carnal minded man he ſayth, that a Woman (or the female kinde) ought not to ſpeak in the Church: now the firſt birth either in man or woman hath nothing to do to ſpeak in the Church, (the carnal part) for it knows not the things of God, and every man by nature is a childe of wrath, and he is forbidden to ſpeak with his carnal wildom, which he gathered out of Books and Studyes for that nature is adulterated from God, and nothing muſt ſpeak in the Church in God but the Holy Ghoſt, and that may ſpeak in the Temple, either in male or female; nothing muſt ſpeak in the Church, but the Spirit of Truth, whom the world and carnal minded ones know not. God is a Spirit, and they that know him, know him to be ſo and none know him but they that are ſpiritual, for ſayth *Jeſus Chriſt Except ye be born again, ye cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, Iohn* 3. and that which is fleſh is fleſh, and that knoweth not the things of God, neither in male nor female, but is adulterated from God, but that which is ſpirit is ſpirit, and is born of God, either in male or female, that knoweth him and that is permitted to ſpeak in the Temple, and none can call *Jeſus* Lord but by the Holy Ghoſt, 1 *Cor* 12 3. and *the manifeſtation of the Spirit is given to profit withall, Verſe* 7. and the Spirit of the Lord was made manifeſt through the female kinde, as women in former ages, and it was profitable; for *Deborah* ſhe had the manifeſtation of the Spirit of God ruling in her, by which ſhe or the Lord in her did adminiſter juſtice to the *Iſraelites*, which were the Church and People of God, and ſhe was a Judge amongſt them, and judged *Iſrael Judges* 4. 4 and ſhe prophecyed to *Barak*, that at the River *Kiſhon* the Lord would deliver *Siſera* the Captain of *Jabins* Army into his hand; See the notable acts that the Lord did by the Propheteſs his ſervant *Deborah*, reade *Judges* 4, 5 *chapters* and the Lord hath ſayd, he will pour out his Spirit upon all fleſh and *their ſons and daughters ſhall prophecy, Joel* 2. 28. he doth not ſay that fleſh ſhall prophecy neither in ſons nor daughters, that is forbidden; Let

all Flesh be silent, both in Sons and Daughters, and let the Spirit speak for that is permitted either in Son or Daughter: it is the Spirit that Propheſies and foretels of the things of God, and the manifacion of the Spirit is given to profit withall, in a Daughter as well as in a Son, that God may speak where he doth dwel in his Temple. Let all carnal Wiſdom in Male as well as in Female keep ſilence, for that is not permited to ſpeak, it is adulterated from God, and the natural man knowes not the things of God, and he that is joyned to an Harlot is one Body, 1 *Cor.*6.16 and that muſt be judged and caſt out by the Spirit of Truth, and judgment being brought forth into Victory, let the Truth declare it ſelf, but let all Fleſh be ſilent till the Spirit be poured out eyther in Son or Daughter, for all the Wiſdom of the world it knoweth not God, who is a Spirit, and he chuſeth the weak things of this world to confound the things which are mighty, 1 *Cor.*1.27.28.29. and the Woman is counted the weaker Veſſel, but the Lord filling that Veſſel full of his Wiſdom, and ruleing it by his holy Spirit he dwelling in his Temple, and declaring himſelf through it by his Son *Ieſus Chriſt*, it is for the Praiſe of the glory of his Grace, that *no Fleſh might glory in his ſight*, for that muſt be trodden under foot, fleſhly Wiſdom and carnal Reaſon, both in Male and Female, that the Lord may be all in all in the Creature, making them fit Temples for his holy Spirit to dwel in 1 *Cor.*3.16. that he may ſpeak in his Temple, in the Female as well as the Male.

The Body it is but the Temple, it is the Man-childe *Chriſt Ieſus*, where he is born up into the underſtanding that is to declare the Fathers will and that is permited to ſpeak, the Spirit of Truth which the world cannot receive, *Iohn* 14.16.17.26. but not carnal wiſdom, and fleſhly imaginacions, which is out of Covenant with God, and muſt be burnt up by the Spirit of Truth, before the Temple be fitted and prepared for the Maſters uſe, for nothing muſt ſpeak in the *Church* but the Spirit of the Living God, let all Fleſh keep Silence, that is not permited to ſpeak in any, and *Paul* he was made a Miniſter not by the will of man, but by the will of God, *who revealed his Son in him*, *Gal.* 1.8. and your Daughters ſhall Propheſie, *Acts* 2.17.18. *And the ſame man which had four Daughters which were Virgins, and the*

they did Propheſie Acts 21. 8. 9. and he ſaith, *all may Propheſie one by one, that all may learn and all may be comforted, and the Spirits of the Prophets are ſubject to the Prophets,* 1 *Cor.* 14. 30. 31. it is the Spirit that is to Propheſie, and tis the Spirit that is to ſpeak in the Church, and where the Spirit is made manifeſt it is profitable to others, and none can call *Jeſus* Lord, but by the holy-Ghoſt, and where he ſayth, *Let your Women keep ſilence in the Church, &c.* for ſayth he, *it is a ſhame for Women to ſpeak in the Church,* but he doth not ſay, let the Spirit of God keep ſilence in the Temple, but that may declare where it is manifeſted, either in Male or Female and then it is the Man *Chriſt* that ſpeaks in them; for great is the Myſtery of Godlineſs, *Chriſt in you the hope of Glory, Col.* 1. 27. and his ſheep they hear his Voice: If any man hath an Ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit ſayth; for ſayth the Lord by the holy-ghoſt, *Let no man deceive you, for if any man among you ſeem to be wiſe in this world, let him become a Fool that he may be made wiſe, for the Wiſdom of this World is foolishneſs with God,* for it is written, *he taketh the Wiſe in their own craftineſs, and the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the Wiſe that they are vain,* 1 *Cor.* 3. 18. 19. 20. man by his carnal wiſdom is ſottiſh in the things of God, that he would compare ſpiritual things with carnal things, becauſe his wiſdom and underſtanding is altogether carnal, *to be carnally minded is Death, Rom* 8 6. but the Holy-Ghoſt teacheth to compare ſpiritual things with ſpiritual things, becauſe they are ſpiritually diſcerned, and the natural man knowes them not, for they are fooliſhneſs unto him, 1 *Cor.* 2. 11. 12. 13. 14.

Now the Scriptures were not ſpoke forth by the will of man nor by the carnal minde, and ſain wiſdom, if they had the carnal minde could have underſtood them, but as they was ſpoken forth by the holy-Ghoſt which the carnal minde or ſain wiſdom knowes not; therefore the Scriptures are a Myſtery to the firſt nature in man, and he reads but doth not underſtand, for the Life of them is hid from his carnal minde, and ſo he argues from them carnally; but he can deceive none now but blinde men & Fools like himſelf, for a wiſe mans Eyes are in his Head, his Light is in *Chriſt*, and he ſeeth that the Scriptures need not an Orthodox Key, for Holy men of God as they were moved they ſpoke

them forth *by the holy-ghost*, 2 *Pet.* 1.19,20,21 and where that is made manifest again, it reads them plainly, but till then they read they know not what, as the worldly Wise-men and Sir *Simons* do now, that gets peaking up into an high place, such as the Pharysies used, who were Enemies to *Jesus Christ* then, as they are now; and they are called of men Masters as they were, and without Money will they do nothing: but now the Key of *David* is found again, and it turns about freely to unfold the Mystery, that hath been hid, and revealeth the Mystery both to Sons and Daughters, according to the Promise of the Lord, so that the Woman *Jezabel*, that hath so long born Rule in the Synagogue of Satan where *Simon Magus* did rule, that sold the Letter for Money, will not now be permitted to speak in the Church but cast out; for the Wisdom of the Flesh must not be suffered to usurp authority over the Man-childe the Spirit of Truth, for he will rule and all DIVINERS will be MAD, *Isay* 44.24,25. such as yee proud Priests are, that sell the Letter without the Spirit, and speak Divinacions of their own Brains, and not from the mouth of the Lord, and such must now be stopped, and not permitted to speak in the Church, nor of the things of God, by their carnal Wisdom which is foolishness with God, and their studied out Knowledg which is adulterated from God and leads them a whoring after their own invencions, forsaking the Fountain of living mercies, to delight in lying-vanities, but now they must come under the Law, and be severely punished, and their mouths will be stopped by the Truth, for it is written *Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the Ox that treadeth out the Corn*; and *I will have Mercy and not Sacrifice*, go to the School of Christ, to learn what that meaneth, and then you will know what the Apostle sayth in that place of Scripture; when you are come through the Fire, to have your own Works and Wisdom, and studied out Arts burned, 1 *Cor.* 2 13.14.15.16. that you may know the same minde ruleing in the Temple that was in *Christ*, that nothing may be done through Strife or Vain glory, but in Lowlinesse of minde, each one esteeming other better than themselves, and being of one accord, and one minde, as they were that spoke forth the Scriptures, *Phil.* 2, 1,2 3.4.5.6 to the 12. Then will you know what is to be understood concerning the

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womans non-permiſſion, but reade on in that place of 1 *Cor.*14. and ſee the following Verſes, where he hath been ſpeaking of the woman, and he ſayth in the 36 Verſe, *What*, ſayth he, *came the Word of God out from you, or came it unto you onely?* for ſayth he, *If any man think himſelf to be a Prophet, or ſpiritual, let him acknowledg that the things that I write unto you are the commands of the Lord; but if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant*, 1 *Cor.* 14. 36,37,38. but he doth exhort to *prophecy*, and ſayth, *forbid* it *not*, but rather *covet* after it, and your Daughters they ſhall prophecy as well as Sons, and the Spirits manifeſtation is to profit withall; therefore *forbid not to ſpeak with Tongues*, the Tongue of the learned, ſuch as are taught of God, by the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghoſt which the world cannot receive, and that is to ſpeak in the Temple, and in the Church for elſe *Paul* would not have commended *Phebe* to have been a Miniſter or Servant to the Church, *Rom.*16.1. if he had forbidden the Spirit of Truth for being declared through women in the Church: but are ye not yet carnal, and it is carnality which is forbidden to intermingle with ſuch Spirituality; for *Paul* writ to the *Romans* to receive *Phebe*, which was a Servant or Miniſter to the Church at *Cenchrea*, and not onely to receive her, but to receive her in the Lord, and to aſſiſt her in whatſoever buſineſs ſhe had need of, *Rom.*16.2. and he writ to them alſo to greet *Priſcilla* and *Aquila*; and ſee what he ſayth more in 3,4,5. Verſes, and ſayth he, *Greet* Mary *who beſtowed much labor on us*, *Rom.*16.6. and ſayth he, *Salute* * Tryphena *and* Tryphoſa *who labor in the Lord, and ſalute* Rufus *choſen in the Lord, and his mother and mine*; and *many are called but few choſen*, as theſe, *Rom.*16.13. *Salute* Philologus *and* Julia, Nereus *and his ſiſter, and* Olympas *and all the Saints that are with them, Salute one another with an holy kiſs, the Churches of* Chriſt *ſalute you*, *Rom* 16.15.16.

And again ſayth *Paul* to the Brethren *Help thoſe women that labored with me in the Goſpel, with* Clement *alſo, and with other my fellow-laborers, whoſe names are in the Book of Life*, *Phil.*4. 1,2,3. Heer is not Women forbidden to ſpeak in the Church where the Spirit of *Chriſt* was manifeſt to rule, but they are ſaluted with an holy kiſs in the Lord, and women-laborers in the Goſpel, and they are to be received in the Lord, and to be aſſiſted, &c.

* *Tryphena* and *Tryphoſa*, delicious or delicate, two godly women, and beloved of the Lord, who labored with *Paul* in the Goſpel, and *Perſis* a faithfull woman, who laboured much in the Lord with *Paul* in the Goſpel, *Rom.* 6. 2.

ed, &c. But sayth he, Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the Doctrine of *Christ*, which ye have learned, and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord *Jesus Christ*, but their own belleys, as the Priests of the World do now in this generation, who by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple, *Rom.* 16, 17, 18. Now such as these that serve themselves and their belleys, and seeks for great Benefits, and teach for Tythes, Bribes, Augmentations, Gifts and Rewards, as the Priests do, contrary to the practice of the Saints, and speaks by their own wisdom, and not from the mouth of the Lord, they cause divisions and dissentions, and they are to be marked, and to be cast out, and not to speak in the Church, nor of spiritual things, by their carnal Reason; therefore take counsel, and hold them not up, the Lord is against them.

But to *Aquila* and *Priscilla* salute me, and to *the Church that is in their house*, 1 *Cor.* 16. 19. and let her speak by the Spirit of the Lord the things of God made manifest unto her, for if she be not permitted to speak in the Church, and the Church be in her house, she must not speak, but go out of her house; but the Spirit of Truth is permitted to speak in any where it is made manifest, the manifestation of the Spirit being given to profit withall, 1 *Cor.* 12. and every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, for of his own will begat he us with the Word of Truth, that we should be a kinde of first fruits of his creatures, *James* 1. 17, 18. that we may be to the prayse of the glory of his grace, who calleth us out of darkness into his marvellous light, and maketh us sit together with *Christ Jesus* in heavenly places, *Ephes.* 2. 4, 5, 6. To him alone be prayse, honor, and glory, who is King of kings, and Lord of lords; therefore let God arise, and let his Enemyes be scattered abroad, for he will make his People a willing People now in the day of his power, to worship him in spirit, and to serve him both day and eke each hour. *Amen.*

Hallelujah to the highest, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth: Let all that love the Lord, bless the Lord, prayse him, and magnifie him for ever. *Richard Farnworth.*

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